

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING**  
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

**Chairman:** Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., District No. 7

A meeting of the **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, met on **Monday, February 9, 2004**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:51 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council Member District No. 7, Chairman; Mr. Milton Farley, Council Member District No. 1; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Council Member District No. 2; Mr. William E. Crosby, Council Member District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Council Member District No. 4; Mr. Dennis L. Fish, Council Member District No. 5; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Council Member District No. 6; Mr. Steve C. Davis, Council Member District No. 8; Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor ex officio; Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman Pinckney called the meeting to order and asked for approval of minutes from the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing Meeting held January 12, 2004.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Council Member Steve Davis and seconded by Council Member Mims to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

**A. Wes Blanchard, EMS Director,** Re: Sole Source Purchase of Emergency Management Software.

Mr. Wes Blanchard stated that as part of the Homeland Security Grant, grant funds were available to purchase emergency management software. This grant was 100 percent funded and did not require matching funds from the County. The SC Emergency Management Division currently utilized WebEOC Software. The Division conducted evaluations of software, and WebEOC was found to be user-friendly and simple to learn, with easy maintenance and report tailoring, and priced per server with unlimited users at no additional cost. Mr. Blanchard requested approval from the Committee for the sole source purchase of this software.

It was moved by Council Member Crosby and seconded by Council Member Farley to approve the sole source purchase of WebEOC Software from Emergency

Services Integrators. This motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

**B. Frank Carson, PE, County Engineer & Public Works Director, Re: Engineering Department change in position.**

Mr. Frank Carson stated that a couple months ago, a senior Engineering Technician resigned from the County. At the same time, the Engineering Department was preparing the personnel budget request for fiscal year 2004/2005. In looking toward next year, and because of work volume associated with the new SCDHEC NPDES Phase II requirements, the department needed another Engineer's position. Tasks have become a little more complex, and if those tasks were restructured, the Technician position could be replaced with an Engineer's position. This would be a savings and better usage of the County's resources.

Council Member Fish asked what the educational requirements were for Engineering Technicians versus a Junior Engineer?

Mr. Carson responded that a Junior Engineer required a Bachelor's Degree. The Engineering Technician required an Associate's Degree with two years experience.

Supervisor Rozier stated the Engineering Department had reached a point of needing an additional Engineer. An Engineer's position would replace the Engineering Technician position. This individual could be working toward their PE (Professional Engineer), but they would not have a PE when hired.

Council Member Fish asked if there was an automatic salary increase for an individual receiving a PE.

Mr. Carson responded that salary increases were not automatic.

Supervisor Rozier stated that was something that needed to be looked at, because the County lost individuals once a PE was attained.

Mr. Carson stated that an individual attaining a PE would move on as their value increased greatly with the PE. This was a personal career choice. At the same time, the County would have a lot invested in the individual, recognize that and try to retain them.

Council Member Crosby asked if funds to support this position would be taken from the Engineering Department's contingency?

Mr. Carson stated it would not come from the Engineering Department.

Council Member Pinckney asked if this position would enhance the inspection process of homes in subdivisions, as well as the C-Fund construction which was presently on hold?

Mr. Carson responded that out of necessity, things would have to be done differently if the Engineering Department did not hire an additional Engineer. A consultant would have to be contracted, and those costs would come out of the C-Fund. Presently, when plans come in, an Engineer reviews them. When the plans are approved, they are forwarded to construction, and one of the Technicians performs the inspections. A Junior Engineer would be more involved in the inspection process as well as other phases.

Supervisor Rozier stated that approval of this request would prepare the County not to hire two individuals, but to make do with handling the process with one individual. This was creative thinking.

It was moved by Council Member Crosby and seconded by Council Member Charles Davis to approve Mr. Carson's request to replace an Engineering Technician position with a Junior Engineer position, effective April 21, 2004. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

**C. Cheryl Lyons, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority Purchasing Director, Re: Bids and Recommendations for the following:**

1. Berkeley County Solid Waste Franchise
2. Sangaree Solid Waste Franchise
3. Roll-off Truck

1. Ms. Cheryl Lyons stated the Berkeley County Water & Sanitation Authority (BCWSA) received bids on January 22<sup>nd</sup> for the solid waste disposal in the Berkeley County residential franchise area. There were four bidders, and the recommendation was to award the contract to Suburban Disposal, Bid Alternate No. 3. This was the same level of service currently secured with the addition of recycling (curbside).

Supervisor Rozier stated that he disagreed with curbside recycling, considering Berkeley County was the No. 1 recycler in the state at the present time, without charging its citizens for curbside service and paying someone else to handle it. Presently, Berkeley County put less per pound created in the landfill than any county in the state.

Ms. Lyons stated that the present cost for service was \$23.40, and it would decrease to \$22.05 (Bid Alternate No. 1), if the current service were retained without recycling.

Council Member Crosby stated he received a lot of calls from citizens because garbage left for pick-up, such as white goods, was not picked up.

Ms. Lyons stated there was one change to the new contract and that was for yard waste, white goods, dry trash and furniture to be picked up once a week. The present service provided pick-up once a month. Ms. Lyons suggested that citizens call her office if items were not collected.

It was moved by Council Member Crosby and seconded by Council Member Fish to accept the low bid of Suburban Disposal, Bid Alternate No. 1, for \$22.05 per quarter. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

2. Ms. Lyons requested that Item C-2 be postponed for one month because there were discrepancies in the bid which needed clarification. The Committee was in agreement with this.

3. Ms. Lyons stated that on January 8<sup>th</sup>, bids were accepted by the BCWSA for a roll-off truck needed at the landfill. Three companies submitted bids for the roll-off truck, with the lowest bid being Nu-Life Environmental. Nu-Life bid on a freightliner for \$107,113 and a Mack truck for \$109,806.84. The recommendation would be to purchase the Mack truck at \$109,806.84. The \$2,700 difference between the liner and Mack would be recognized by reduced maintenance and repair costs.

It was moved by Council Member Crosby and seconded by Council Member Farley to accept the bid of Nu-Life Environmental in the amount of \$109,806.84 for a Mack truck. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Council Member Crosby and seconded by Council Member Spooner to adjourn the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing. This motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

March 8, 2004  
Date Approved

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A meeting of the **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on **Monday February 9, 2004**, in the Assembly Room, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, S. C., following the meeting of the Committee on Land Use, the Committee on Human Services, and the Committee on Justice and Public Safety at **6:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**January 12, 2004**

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February 4, 2004  
S/Barbara B. Austin  
Clerk of County Council